

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING GRAPHICAL OBJECTS FOR  
LAYOUT USING AN ELASTIC DIFFERENCE OPERATION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

- 5 A system and method for processing graphical objects for layout using an elastic difference operation includes defining a first graphical object and a second graphical object having associated size preferences and subtracting the second size preference from the first size preference, resulting in a resultant size preference dependent on the size preferences of the graphical objects. The elastic difference operation may be applied to graphical objects, including grids and tables.

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